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SUBJECT : MIDDLE EAST FORCE STATUS

REFERENCE : (A) STATE 174770

(B) MANAMA 0859

(C) MANAMA 0872

1. JULY 30 I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TO GET GOB'S REACTION TO OUR PROPOSAL (REF A) ON HANDLING GOB'S DECISION TO PUT TIME LIMIT ON CONTINUED NAVY PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN. HE TABLED GOB'S COUNTER-PROPOSAL (SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL).

2. I ASKED IF, NOTWITHSTANDING NEED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF NAVY'S TENURE, GOB WAS READY TO WRAP UP NEGOTIATIONS ON CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MIDDLE EAST FORCE IS TO REMAIN IN BAHRAIN. HE SAID
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"ABSOLUTELY". ON THE SPOT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS

STATE REFTTEL, I "EXCHANGED" FORMALLY FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS DATED JULY 1, 1975:

(A) OUR NOTE ON NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING JURISDICTION PROVISIONS (ARTICLES 8 AND 11) OF AGREEMENT. (GOB OF COURSE OWES US A NOTE ALSO DATED JULY 1 IN REPLY AND FOREIGN MINISTER PROMISED THIS WILL BE FORTHCOMING PROMPTLY);

(B) OUR NOTE REFERRING TO ARTICLE 14 OF STATIONING AGREEMENT INDICATING INTENT TO TERMINATE PRESENCE IN SIX MONTHS SHOULD GOB SERVE FORMAL TERMINATION NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT, AND;

(C) OUR LETTER OF REASSURANCES RE MIDDLE EAST FORCE ROLE INDICATING SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON CONDITIONS OF CONTINUED MIDDLE EAST FORCE PRESENCE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED HOW WE PROPOSED TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT ON INCREASED RENT AND I EXPLAINED THAT COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH DEVELOPMENT MINISTER SHIRAWI ABOUT AMENDING LEASE.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER, AND PRIME MINISTER IN MY MEETING WITH HIM LATER IN THE DAY, EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT CONCLUSION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND APPRECIATION TO USG FOR THEIR BEING HANDLED CONSISTENTLY IN A MANNER ENHANCING U.S.-BAHRAINI RELATIONS.

5. WISH TO STRESS THAT WHAT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED IS AGREEMENT ON THE CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUED MIDDLE EAST FORCE PRESENCE, NOT THE MORE SIGNIFICANT QUESTION OF HOW LONG THAT PRESENCE WILL CONTINUE. WHEN GOB NOTE ON JURISDICTION RECEIVED, COPIES OF DOCUMENTS EXCHANGED WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION.
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